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COMMITTEE AND GENERAL MEETINGS MINUTES

August 2 – 3, 2006

Crowne Plaza Ventura Beach Hotel
450 E Harbor Blvd.
Ventura, CA 93001

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2006

I. Call To Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chair Jorge Lambrinos.
Pledge was led by Commissioner Lundin.

Commissioner Lacayo introduced Steve Bennett, Immediate Past Chair of Ventura County Supervisors. Bennett welcomed the Commission to the county.

II. Roll Call, Excused and Unexcused Absences, Quorum

Commissioners present: Jorge Lambrinos, Celia Esquivel, Hank Lacayo, Joanna Kim-Selby, Marvin Schachter, Connie Chang, Jim Davis, Shannon Glavaz, Benny Yee, Richard Lundin, Jon Pynoos, Karen Josephson, Leah Wyman, Thomas Rowe, Brenda Ross, Chuck Ayala, and Erica Goode

Commissioners excused: Andrew Scharlach, Cheryl Phillips, Lily Lee Chen, and Sally Acosta

Commissioners absent: None

Guests: Ruth Brunings, Bernice Ayala, Linda Parks, Arnold Robles, Victoria Jump, Steve Bennett, Greg Totten, Barbara Boester-Quaid, and Rex Laird

Staff: Sandra Fitzpatrick, Carol Sewell, and Sharon Jenkins

A quorum was established.

III. Introductions

Chair Lambrinos introduced and welcomed the new AGPA, Carol Sewell.

IV. Approve Agenda

M/S/C (Ross/Lacayo)

TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 2 - 3, 2006 CCOA AGENDA.

V. Approve Minutes

M/S/C (Ross/Lacayo)

**TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE CCOA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
AND THE CCOA MEETING OF MAY 11, 2006.**

VI. Public Comments

None.

VII. Welcome to Ventura County

Supervisor Linda Parks, Chair, Ventura County Supervisors, welcomed the Commission to Ventura. Parks thanked the CCoA for its work on behalf of seniors and described the county's efforts to serve its senior population.

VIII. Overview of the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging

Victoria Jump, Director, and Arnold Robles, Chair, PSA 18 Advisory Council, described the work of the PSA 18 AAA. Jump described the structure of the advisory council, the area's rural jurisdictions, as well as Board of Supervisors' appointees. PSA 18 projects include improving outreach and awareness of AAA, emergency preparedness, and upcoming senior population increases. Robles noted that housing, food programs, and transportation are significant problems for the county's seniors. Jump described problems with land restrictions affecting housing availability, PSA 18's efforts in home modification, and fall prevention.

IX. CCoA Chair's Report – Commissioner Lambrinos

A. Student Intern

Chair Lambrinos introduced Trini Saucedo, student intern from Fullerton University, who described her background.

X. Executive Committee Report – Commissioner Lambrinos

A. Worker's Compensation Policy

The Executive Committee reported that the application process is taking longer than anticipated. The CCoA remains covered as a self-insured entity.

B. Executive Director Evaluation

Chair Lambrinos reported that the Executive Director evaluation would be postponed until the November meeting. The committee consensus was that Fitzpatrick has done an outstanding job and Lambrinos publicly thanked her for elevating CCoA's visibility and the excellent work she has done.

C. California Service Corps Response to SB 953

The Executive Committee recommended that the Commission invite the California Service Corps to the November meeting to learn about "California's Aging Opportunity: A Plan to Mobilize Older Californians for Community Service" and to discuss joint advocacy.

M/S/C (Lacayo/Ross)

TO APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION.

D. CCoA Revised Meeting Schedule

The Executive Committee recommended that the 2007 meeting schedule be revised to accommodate hotel considerations. Recommend that if Napa hotel is not available in February that the meeting be moved to San Diego, and that the August meeting be held in Sacramento.

XI. Executive Director Report – Fitzpatrick

A. SFY 2005-06 Financial Statements (Year End)

Fitzpatrick reviewed year-end financial statements. The \$50,000 grant from the California Endowment will be used for costs associated with the event. Fitzpatrick reported on CCoA's financial standing in light of the loss of California Senior Legislature (CSL) dollar reimbursement, noting that the budget would be tight.

B. SFY 2006-07 Budget Implications for the CCoA — as reported above.

C. Staffing Update

Fitzpatrick reported that Carol Sewell was completing orientation. Sewell's background will be an asset to the Commission.

D. Web Site

The Department of Technology has become the CCoA webmaster. We are working to complete updates and new pages.

E. Carpenters' Local 46 Suit

The CCoA is named, along with 36 other state defendants, in a lawsuit. To date, CCoA's legal costs have been close to \$3,000.

F. California Foundation for Older Americans (CFoA) letter

The CFoA was created by the CCoA as a 501(C)3 to accept grants and to allow flexibility for the use of the funds received. The CCoA component fund balance is approximately \$16,300. The CFoA charges an 8 percent administrative fee.

G. General Activities

A summary of the staff activities for May through July 2006 was included in the packet.

XII. Unfinished Business

A. Expanded Commission Membership

Commissioner Davis reviewed the Expanded Commission Membership recommendation included in the packet. One recommendation related to the inclusion of former Commissioners, as requested, to serve on the Executive Committee on a short-term basis. The second recommendation provides a mechanism for non-Commissioners to participate in CCoA meetings on a formal basis. The Executive Committee amended the second recommendation to specify that such formal participation would be restricted to designated state entities. No reimbursement would be made for additional participation under either recommendation.

Commissioner Ayala noted that he's been part of an Elder Justice Task Force meeting in Oakland. He sought the CCoA support for his continued participation.

M/S/C (Davis/Lacayo)

TO APPROVE THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AS AMENDED.

B. Status of bills positioned by the CCoA (Sewell)

The Executive Committee recommended the following revised positions on legislation:

AB 2911 – Nunez
California Discount Prescription Drug Program
Support

AB 2920 – Leno

Seniors (CDA & AAA services account for gay, lesbian, and transgender individuals)
Support

AB 3019 – Daucher

Medi-Cal Community Options Assessment Protocol
Support

SB 1755 – Chesbro

Medi-Cal; Adult Day Health Care Services
Support

M/S/C (Davis/Ross)

TO APPROVE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REVISED BILL POSITIONS.

C. Membership Update (Fitzpatrick)

Expecting several new gubernatorial appointees soon

D. Legislative Action Committee Status Report (Lacayo/Wyman)

No report at this time.

The meeting was recessed at 11:30 a.m. and reconvened at 1:01 p.m.

XIII. Greetings from the City of Ventura

Mayor Carl Morehouse was represented by City Councilman Brian Brennan. Brennan welcomed the Commission to Ventura.

XIV. Elder Protections in Ventura County

Greg Totten, District Attorney, thanked the CCoA for its advocacy on behalf of seniors and described the elder protections efforts carried out by his office. He suggested the CCoA get involved with other organizations working on elder abuse in order to strengthen support of legislation requiring background checks on IHSS workers.

XV. Sub Committee Meetings

The Long Range Strategic Plan on Aging (LRSPA) Sub Committee and the White House Conference on Aging (WHCoA) Sub Committee met simultaneously for one hour.

- A. LRSPA Sub Committee
Commissioner Esquivel reported on this meeting:

Format and progress criteria for the 2007 Progress Report were discussed. Recommended to not hold a spring forum and instead, focus on the post WHCoA event. Use meeting transcripts, key trends, committee recommendations and top WHCoA recommendations for content of Progress Report. Discussed creation of a "scorecard" to measure progress.

M/S/C (Ross/Josephson)

TO ACCEPT THE LRSPA SUB COMMITTEE REPORT.

- B. WHCoA Sub Committee
Commissioner Wyman reported on two recommendations:

- Invitations should be sent to WHCoA delegates and others;
- Delegates would be asked to select three or four resolutions from the WHCoA's top 10 or 20 resolutions; the CCoA to refine from there and to select topics that are results oriented

M/S/C (Goode/Ayala)

TO ACCEPT THE WHCOA SUB COMMITTEE REPORT.

XVI. Recognizing the Agricultural Industry in Ventura County

- A. Barbara Boester-Quaid, Chief Executive Officer, Ventura County Fair Board
Boester-Quaid described the work of the county fair board.
- B. Rex Laird, Chief Executive Officer, Ventura County Farm Bureau
Laird provided an overview of the agriculture industry in Ventura County.

XVII. New Business

- A. Committee Reports

Housing Initiative - Commissioner Schachter raised the subject of a housing initiative on the November ballot (Prop 1C), which has substantial opposition. He recommended the CCoA send correspondence urging seniors to vote and pointing out the importance of using their voice on ballot issues affecting seniors.

B. S 3677

Commissioner Schachter also commented on new legislation in Congress to authorize Medicare expenditures for mobility equipment (S 3677) for use in or out of the home. Current law limits funds from being used for equipment that cannot also be used inside the home.

Lambrinos proposed distributing the legislation for review, allowing two weeks for comment prior to the scheduling of an Executive Committee meeting to take action.

M/S/C (Lacayo/Esquivel)
One abstention

TO APPROVE THE CHAIR'S RECOMMENDATION TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING TO POSITION BILLS.

XVIII. Commissioner Reports

Lambrinos – Supported Commissioner Ayala's position in support of elder justice centers and proposed considering the issue at the CCoA's next meeting.

Esquivel – Reported on a new AARP report on Boomers and new projects underway in other states. New emergency preparedness ReallyReady.org website is available.

Lacayo – Congress of California Seniors just concluded their 29th convention; Baby Boomers and state advocacy were issues under consideration.

Ross – Noted that Orange County received \$25 million for each of three years in Proposition 63 mental health funds. She said 14 percent would go toward programs for seniors.

Ayala – Elder Justice Centers are his main concern.

Rowe – Noted that A1AA received a \$40 thousand grant from Archstone Foundation.

Goode – Noted that the WHCoA began on the same day that federal funds were deleted for geriatric medical training. She has drafted a letter – will send to Fitzpatrick for review before sample letter is sent to other commissioners.

Wyman – Working on CCoA's website page on ageism. She will meet with Fitzpatrick to discuss.

Pynoos – Working as co-director of the Fall Prevention Center of Excellence funded by the Archstone Foundation. He noted that programs are starting around the state. Also met with AARP regarding long-term care.

Lundin – Attended a veteran's summit; working on CSL proposals.

Chang – Reported attending the Oakland Health and Wellness Festival for Seniors.

Glavaz – Working on emergency preparedness at her hospital and on community awareness.

Davis – Met with Humboldt Area Foundation regarding rural policy concerns. He noted that the Governor is about to approve broadband for some rural counties.

Schachter – Continuing activities with "Challenge of Africa – Promise of Africa" conference. Also working on "Healthcare for All."

Kim-Selby – Reported that the Korean Senior Center needs more case management. She is working on social services with immigrants and is now vice president of the center.

XIX. Next Meetings

November 1-2, 2006 in Jackson (Amador County)
December 6-7, 2006 in Pasadena

XX. Adjourned

Chair Lambrinos adjourned the meeting at 5:18 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 2006

Public Hearing

Topic: *“Providing Wellness and Prevention for Older Californians”*

The Public Hearing was co-sponsored by the Wellness and Prevention Task Team. The Task Team was created in response to SB 910 Strategic Plan for an Aging California.